

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 10/22/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-5.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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Examiner's Detailed Office Action

1. Claims 1 – 5 are allowed.
2. Claim 6 has been cancelled.

REASON FOR ALLOWANCE

3. The following is an Examiner's statement for reason for allowance:
4. Claims 1 – 5 are considered allowable since when reading the claims in light of the specification, as per MPEP 2111.01, none of the prior art of record teach or render obvious applicant's claimed invention. In particular, as pointed out below, the art lacks certain features and the combination as specified in the respective claim(s).
5. The features recited in claim 1, "calculating position data of the controlled axis by calculating the calculated position of the controlled axis corresponding to time as a function of the calculated position of the virtual axis moving at a fixed speed corresponding to time; storing the calculated position data on the calculated position of the controlled axis as a function of the calculated position of the virtual axis".
6. The features recited in claim 2, "... calculating the position of a virtual axis moving at a fixed speed corresponding to time; ... synthesizing the acquired state of the I/O signal with respect to the calculated position of the virtual axis; ... storing data on the acquired state of the I/O signal obtained by said means for acquiring the state of an I/O signal with respect to the calculated position of the virtual axis calculated by said means for calculating the position of a virtual axis".

7. The features recited in claim 3, “...calculating the position of a virtual axis function moving at a fixed speed corresponding to time; ... calculating position data on the calculated position of the controlled axis with respect to the calculated position of the virtual axis and the acquired state of the I/O signal; ... storing the position data on the calculated position of the controlled axis with respect to the calculated position of the virtual axis and the acquired state of the I/O signal”,

as mentioned above, the art lacks certain features and the combination when taken in context of the claim(s) as a whole, was not uncovered in the prior art. Moreover, the dependent claims 4 and 5 are allowed as they depend upon an allowable independent claim(s).

8. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments regarding Statement of Reason for Allowance”.

Correspondence Information

9. Any inquiries concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sunray Chang, who may be reached Monday through Friday, between 6:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. EST. or via telephone at (571) 272-3682 or facsimile transmission (571) 273-3682 or email sunray.chang@uspto.gov.

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